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New EDMs

768 Glasgow Baby Food Bank awards

Tabled: 13/12/21 Signatories: 1

Anne McLaughlin

That this House commends the amazing efforts of Springburn based Glasgow Baby Food Bank over the last 18 months, culminating in the food bank winning the Glasgow Times Community Champions Award for Public Service and the Glasgow Lord Provost's Special Recognition Award; is grateful for the work the food bank does in supporting young families and providing baby and child essentials including food, clothing and equipment across Glasgow; congratulates the selfless dedication of their volunteers who give so much of themselves to this crucial venture; and thanks them on behalf of thousands of grateful families who have benefited from their care and assistance.

769 Jackie Shearer and Place Leader Award for Inspirational Leadership

Tabled: 13/12/21 Signatories: 1

Anne McLaughlin

That this House commends the critical role that Jackie Shearer has played in launching the new Business Improvement District (BID) in Saracen Street, Possilpark, Glasgow; congratulates her on winning the Place Leader Award for Inspirational Leadership at the Scotland Loves Local Awards; welcomes her work to bring an alliance of businesses, public authorities, social landlords and politicians together to show what the power of local collaboration can deliver; and looks forward to seeing the much deserved benefits of that work being enjoyed by the Possilpark community for generations to come.

770 Bailie Jackie McLaren Community Champion Award

Tabled: 13/12/21 Signatories: 1

Anne McLaughlin [R]

That this House congratulates Bailie Jacqueline McLaren on winning the Community Champion award at the 2021 Local Government Information Unit (LGiU) Scotland Councillor Awards for her hard work and dedication to her community; celebrates her successes including securing £800,000 funding from the Scottish Government in partnership with North United Communities for the creation of a new services hub in Milton; looks forward to seeing the continued regeneration of Canal Ward in partnership with the fantastic local community groups in the area; and recognises that the efforts of local councillors such as Bailie McLaren are often overlooked but are vitally important to thriving communities and neighbourhoods.

771 Bishopbriggs Academy named Scottish State Secondary School of the Decade

Tabled: 13/12/21 Signatories: 1

Amy Callaghan

That this House congratulates Bishopbriggs Academy in East Dunbartonshire on being named Scottish State Secondary School of the Decade in the prestigious Sunday Times Parent Power Schools Guide 2022; notes that Bishopbriggs Academy has continued to rise in the rankings over the last decade; thanks the staff at Bishopbriggs academy for their exceptional leadership and encouraging children to participate and succeed in all areas of school life, not just the exam hall; further notes the influence of former Headteacher Gordon Mouldsdale on Bishopbriggs Academy becoming one of the top state schools in the country; understands that this placement is a testament to Bishopbriggs Academy's outstanding academic achievements and high teaching standards; looks forward to seeing what more the school will achieve in the future under new Headteacher Mr Donaghey; and once again congratulates everyone at Bishopbriggs Academy on this glowing endorsement and for being an outstanding representation of East Dunbartonshire schools.

772 Joe Gilhooley LRPS

Tabled: 13/12/21 Signatories: 1

Owen Thompson

That this House congratulates photographer Joe Gilhooley on being awarded Distinction of the Licentiate of The Royal Photographic Society (LRPS) on 8 December 2021; notes that Joe is based in Loanhead, Midlothian and is self-taught in photo editing, restoring and manipulation, with interests including sports, wildlife and landscapes; further notes that Joe has been a regular photographer for Bonnyrigg Rose Athletic; congratulates Joe on his other past achievements including being awarded The Scots Magazine Photographer of the Year 2017 and 2019, as well as reaching the shortlist for the Landscape Photographer of the Year 2021; and understands that the Distinction of the LRPS is an internationally recognised photography qualification, judged by the submission of 10 photographs to a panel.

773 Work of NHS staff during the covid-19 outbreak

Tabled: 13/12/21 Signatories: 1

Layla Moran

That this House recognises the extraordinary work of NHS staff throughout the covid-19 pandemic; appreciates the incredible effort that they continue to put into the national vaccination programme, especially as the booster campaign is ramped up in the face of the Omicron variant; and calls on the Government to provide the necessary support that our NHS workers so desperately need and deserve.

774 Treatment of asylum seekers and refugees in Turkey

Tabled: 13/12/21 Signatories: 1

Barry Gardiner

That this House expresses its concern about the treatment of Iranian asylum seekers and refugees in Turkey; notes that more than 30,000 Iranian asylum seekers and refugees, many of whom are political dissidents, human rights activists and journalists, are living in an unacceptable state of limbo, without access to work or healthcare and are facing increased risk of deportation to Iran and persecution; and therefore calls on the Secretary of State for the Home Department to facilitate and expedite the relocation of those asylum seekers whose cases have been approved for transfer to the UK by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees without further delay.

775 Funding and support for local government from central government

Tabled: 13/12/21 Signatories: 1

Caroline Lucas

That this House thanks local authorities for their leadership during the covid-19 pandemic and for the ongoing contribution of their essential workforces to communities; notes National Audit Office figures showing central Government funding for local authorities in England has been cut by 52.3 percent overall in real terms between 2010-11 and 2020-21; believes the Government should address in full the financial challenges arising from this decade of underinvestment, while tackling the enhanced financial pressures local authorities face because of extra costs, increased referrals, loss of income and cash-flow challenges associated with covid-19; further believes Ministers must take responsibility for the financial stability of local government and its ability to plan, sustain and improve community and essential frontline services such as adult and child social care, and support for older people, looked-after children, care leavers, people with disabilities or special educational needs, survivors of domestic violence and low-income families in crisis; notes recent Local Government Association analysis that social care-providing authorities are spending more than 60 percent of their outgoings on these essential care services; considers locally-led initiatives to urgently improve equality, sustainability and resilience, such as providing genuinely affordable, energy efficient homes, supporting socially necessary bus services, and transforming waste collection, should be funded nationally; considers there is an urgent need to address the pressures on local authorities now; and therefore calls on the Government to immediately provide local councils with the money to protect and restore spending on community and frontline services to sustainable levels and reset local economies.

Added Names

Below are EDMs tabled in the last two weeks to which names have been added. Only the first 6 names and any new names are included.

717 Centenary of Geiriadur Prifysgol Cymru

Tabled: 30/11/21 Signatories: 10

Ben Lake
Jonathan Edwards
Neale Hanvey
Liz Saville Roberts
Hywel Williams
Jim Shannon

Joanna Cherry

Wendy Chamberlain

This House congratulates Geiriadur Prifysgol Cymru, the University of Wales Dictionary of the Welsh Language, on reaching its centenary this year, and acknowledges the support of the Centre for Advanced Welsh and Celtic Studies, the University of Wales Trinity Saint David, and the Welsh Government; notes that it is the standard historical dictionary of the Welsh language in printed form, online, and as an app used by scholars across the world as well as the authoritative source upon which numerous other Welsh dictionaries and linguistic resources are based, serving a community of hundreds of thousands of Welsh speakers; acknowledges that it contains nearly 90,000 entries, 410,000 quotations, and 9 million words; celebrates that it is the longest-running continuous dictionary project in the UK; and commends the vision of the University of Wales, the dedication of the team of editors, volunteers, contributors and proof readers, and the contribution the Dictionary continues to make to the study and growth of the Welsh language.

728 Fan-Led Review of Football Governance

Tabled: 2/12/21 Signatories: 18

Ian Mearns
Hywel Williams
Ben Lake
John McDonnell
Liz Saville Roberts
Jonathan Edwards

Ed Davey

That his House welcomes the publication of the report following the Fan Led Review of Football Governance, chaired by the hon. Member for Chatham and Aylesford, Tracey Crouch MP; notes that the recommendations within the report are supported in full by the All Party Parliamentary Group for Football, the All Party Parliamentary Group for Football Supporters and the All Party Parliamentary Group on Women's Football; and calls on the Government to implement in full the recommendations of that report at the earliest opportunity to safeguard the future of the football pyramid in England.

738 Linlithgow Black Bitch

Tabled: 6/12/21 Signatories: 13

Martyn Day
John McNally
Marion Fellows
Carol Monaghan
Dave Doogan
Douglas Chapman

Steven Bonnar

That this House supports the rich traditions, local customs and heritage found throughout these islands and beyond, such as the Linlithgow Black Bitch; notes that in Linlithgow the local custom of describing locals as Black Bitches is based on the heroic greyhound who fed her master when he was incarcerated on an island in the middle of a loch with no food and water, before the dog was subsequently given the same punishment; further notes that the dog's loyalty, determination and grit was respected in Linlithgow by naming Linlithgow people Black Bitches as a mark of honour; acknowledges that the Black Bitch has been depicted on Linlithgow's ancient burgh seal as far back as 1296 and in the Royal Seal that marked the town's status as a Royal Burgh; recognises that Black Bitch imagery and artwork is featured throughout the town, including on schools' badges, local magazines, buildings, and a recent statue that stands in the High Street alongside a plaque that explains its history; further notes that Linlithgow's oldest public house is named the Black Bitch Tavern, which is recognised far and wide as a well-run and friendly hostelry; and calls on the brewing conglomerate Greene King to abandon plans to change the name of the tavern in a misguided attempt at virtue signalling, and instead recognise the nation's history and culture.

760 Fur-free Parliament campaign

Tabled: 8/12/21 Signatories: 12

Dr Lisa Cameron
Caroline Lucas
Allan Dorans
Grahame Morris
Hywel Williams
John McDonnell

Patrick Grady

Chris Stephens

That this House recognises the unnecessary slaughter of animals to produce fur for Parliamentary and State garments; calls on the Government to replace these with sustainable non-fur alternatives, now that an indistinguishable alternative has passed the Ministry of Defence's copyrighted test in the Ministry's accredited laboratory; notes that the use of real fur is not in line with the Government's commitment to have and promote the highest standards of animal welfare across the UK; and believes sustainable, faux fur should be the default option for garments and accessories for this purpose moving forward.

761 Formal Government recognition of the Daesh atrocities against Yazidis, Christians and other persecuted minorities as genocide

Tabled: 9/12/21 Signatories: 7

Brendan O'Hara
Wera Hobhouse
Hywel Williams
Ben Lake
Liz Saville Roberts
Kirsten Oswald

Patrick Grady

That in April 2016 this House recognised the Daesh atrocities against religious minorities, Yazidis, Christians, and other religious minorities in Iraq and Syria as genocide under Article II of the UN Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide; notes the UK Government's long standing policy that genocide determination is a matter of competent courts, including domestic criminal courts; and notes the German criminal court's verdict of 30th November 2021 finding a Daesh fighter guilty of genocide and crimes against humanity; and calls on the Government to formally recognise the Daesh atrocities against Yazidis, Christians and other religious minorities as genocide and take further steps to ensure justice, including by leading efforts to establish an international mechanism to prosecute the perpetrators.

763 Verdict of the Uyghur Tribunal

Tabled: 9/12/21 Signatories: 14

Layla Moran
John McDonnell
Christine Jardine
Wera Hobhouse
Wendy Chamberlain
Hywel Williams

Daisy Cooper
 Jim Shannon

Munira Wilson
 Tim Farron

Jamie Stone
 Chris Stephens

That this House notes with grave concern the findings of the Uyghur Tribunal of 9 December 2021 which detailed the depth and severity of abuses taking place against Uyghurs in Xinjiang by the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) including rape, forced re-education, forced labour, mass surveillance, forced sterilisation, cultural and religious destruction; further notes the Tribunal's verdict that there is proof beyond reasonable doubt that the People's Republic of China are committing crimes of torture, crimes against humanity and the crime of genocide as defined under international law; calls on the UK Government to accept Parliament's declaration of the atrocities in Xinjiang as a genocide; and urges the UK Government to step up sanctions against CCP officials involved in perpetrating these abuses.

764 Import ban on forced labour products

Tabled: 9/12/21 Signatories: 11

Alyn Smith
Jonathan Edwards
John McDonnell
Claudia Webbe
Wera Hobhouse
Hywel Williams

Jim Shannon

Chris Stephens

That this House commends the work of Non-Governmental Organisations and civil activists to raise awareness of the presence of forced labour in the manufacturing of products around the world; recognises that existing UK regulations are insufficient for stopping the import of products which have been produced through forced labour; notes that the United States has implemented an import ban on some products from countries where there is evidence of forced labour; further notes that the European Commission has stated its intentions to implement a similar ban; and calls on the Government to implement an import ban on specific products where there is reasonable suspicion of forced labour and apply it to regions where forced labour is systematically used by the State, thereby preventing companies from enforcing their due diligence obligations.

765 Local measurement of air quality

Tabled: 9/12/21 Signatories: 5

Mr Barry Sheerman
John McDonnell
Claudia Webbe
Wera Hobhouse
Jim Shannon

That this House notes with concern the issue of air pollution and its ensuing effects on health and wellbeing; recognises the 2018 guidance on air pollution by Public Health England that cites poor air quality as the largest environmental risk to public health in the UK; acknowledges that every human being has an inalienable right to breathe clean and safe air; urges the Government to consider making reference to this in any future legislative proposal; further recognises that policy to improve air quality requires evidence and records of public and private entities that contribute to air pollution in local authorities; further urges the Government to make provision for local authorities to take an air pollution audit of public and private entities in their area; and calls on the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to report annually to Parliament on these audit reports.

766 Presidential elections and transitional justice in the Gambia

Tabled: 10/12/21 Signatories: 5

Anne McLaughlin
Kirsten Oswald
Kim Johnson
Jim Shannon
Chris Stephens

That this House welcomes the orderly conduct of Presidential elections in the Gambia, the first in decades not to feature the participation of former long-term President Yahya Jammeh whose rule was marked by serious human rights violations including state-backed execution squads; notes the incumbent Adama Barrow won another term as President with the backing of a faction from

Jammeh's party, the Alliance for Patriotic Reorientation and Construction, and despite having initially promised in 2016 to serve only as a transitional leader; urges President Barrow to undertake comprehensive democratic reform, and as soon as possible make public the report of the Truth, Reconciliation and Reparations Commission, which took harrowing testimony from victims of Jammeh's brutal regime, and implement its recommendations; calls on the Government to provide continued tangible support towards the Gambia's democratic transition and inclusive development; and further call on the Government to encourage President Barrow's administration to adopt a renewed focus on transitional justice, with the criminal prosecution of Jammeh and his main accomplices and satisfactory redress offered to those targeted by Jammeh's former regime.

767 **Predatory financial practices and the adult social care sector**

Tabled: 10/12/21 Signatories: 7

Clive Lewis
Caroline Lucas
Dan Carden
Kate Hollern
Kim Johnson
Jim Shannon

Chris Stephens

That this House welcomes the Panorama episode Crisis in Care: Follow the Money, broadcast on 6 December 2021, on the involvement of financial entities such as private equity firms and hedge funds in the adult social care sector; notes that this has put pressure on the sector to grow its revenues, not to improve quality of care but to meet exorbitant costs associated with complex corporate group structures, high debt burdens, and offshoring of profits; further notes that as much as one sixth of the weekly fee for a residential bed can go towards interest payments on company debt; further notes that this financially extractive and growth-dependent model is draining adult social care of funds and plunging the sector deeper into economic precarity; believes that the Government's focus on developing new funding streams for adult social care fails to address this crucial underlying problem; calls on the Government to address these predatory financial practices by amending the Health and Care Bill to prevent financial assistance being used to rescue overindebted private companies in the care sector, to require providers of adult social care in England to report annually full financial accounts for all companies within the same corporate group including offshore entities, and to review the financial regulation of the adult social care sector to identify ways of reducing the large financial costs and risks created by financial engineering practices such as debt loading, asset stripping, and the offshoring of profits.